

### Presentation Of Petitions

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).—Sir, I present the following petitions,—

- (1) Petition signed by the representatives of Famine stricken farmers of Athani Taluk, Belgaum District requesting for financial help etc.
- (2) Petitions signed by T.D.B. Members etc., of Athani Taluk regarding providing funds to Hippargi Project during 1980-81.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Petitions stands referred the Committee on Petitions.

### Clash in Malebennur

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಹೆಚ್. ಪಟೇಲ್.—ಮಾಲೆಬೆನ್ನೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪೊಲೀಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಜನತೆಯ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಘರ್ಷಣೆಯಾಗಿ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಗಂಭೀರವಾಗಿರುವ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ನಿನ್ನೆ ದಿವಸ ನಾನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವರನ್ನು ಆರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಾಳೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಗುಂಡೂರಾವ್.—ತರಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

It is reported that on 5th March 1980 afternoon at 1400 hours, Dr. Ranganath, a Local Medical Practitioner along with others was found playing cards in the Travellers Bungalow at Malebennur. The Police Sub-Inspector who come to know, about the engagement of the room for three days for this purpose, warned Dr. Ranganath and others that it would amount to gambling and he would have to take action, if it is not stopped.

In the evening the Police Sub-Inspector took action against some of the Matka gamblers, viz., Abdul Khader, Nagappa, and took them to the Police Station. While they were at the Malebennur circle Abdul Khader created a scene and collected some crowd. On the previous night, there was Gramadevatha Jathra in Malebennur and some of the people gathered were still in Malebennur. In the meanwhile Dr. Ranganath and others who had nothing to do with the action of the Sub-Inspector in arresting the Matka gamblers interfered with and demanded the release of the Matka gamblers. Their action was probably to pay off scores against the Sub-Inspector who had prevented them from playing cards earlier. The Sub-Inspector refused to do so, and there was altercation and the Matka gamblers escaped. One Shri Kasim Sab, G. Siddalingappa and others tried to pacify and advise the crowd not to create confusion. The Police Sub-Inspector searched for the Matka gamblers but could not secure them. When he returned to the police station, the above mentioned persons had collected a big crowd and had assembled near the police station. Sriyuths: Kasim Sab and Sidda-